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Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

April 15, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Town Offices

Members Present: Richard Lemoine, Ashley O'Neill, Karyn Puleo, Jacqueline Schnackertz

Members Absent: Kevin O'Connor (recused)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman, Labor Attorney Darren Klein

On a motion by J. Schnackertz, seconded by A. O'Neill, the Selectmen on a unanimous roll call vote approved entering executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Also present at the meeting were School Committee members (B. Buchman, J. Hickey, H. Wennerstrom, M. Witt), School Supt. Darrel Lockwood, and Finance Committee members (K. Times, J. Griffin).

There was discussion about the budget deficit of more than \$2 million. Wage freezes would be preferable to hourly reductions. The Selectmen want to ensure that all unions hear the same message.

Per Labor Attorney D. Klein, the unions do not have to agree to a wage freeze. There may need to be a combination of wage freezes, hourly reductions, and layoffs. The Town could meet with all the unions to send a clear, united message.

Members of the School Committee said that they have already developed a list of cost reductions of more than \$800,000. There could be more than 30 layoffs. The School Administrators have already agreed to a wage freeze. The School Committee left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The Selectmen said that the Strategic Financial Planning Committee meets next week (April 21) and should provide recommendations on budget reductions. The Selectmen will meet on April 27 and can review the recommendations from the Strategic Financial Planning Committee and budget information from the Town Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Cashman

Approved: Monday, May 11, 2009